

REFORM A FIGHTING ISSUE IN SUSSEX

Ministerial Delegation Waits on Council to Discuss Scott Act Enforcement

Rev. Frank Baird Makes Strong Statement About Lax Administration of the Law—Mayor Murray Resents Some of the Charges—Constables Appointed That May Change Conditions.

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 25.—The town council at its meeting this evening waited upon by a delegation composed of Dr. Rogers, Rev. Frank Baird and H. G. Kennedy, who presented a petition for the better enforcement of the Scott Act.

Rev. Frank Baird in presenting the petition pointed out that there were six reasons why they were induced to wait upon the council.

First—When incorporation was first conceived, it was thought that the temperance people would be better able to enforce the Scott Act, but a compromise was made that the town should not assume this burden.

Second—There is no provision now could the council pass a by-law creating its duty.

Third—As to the matter of expense Mr. Baird claimed that the town has the right, authority and sentiment of the people to enforce the act. No additional expense would be incurred by the town as the council would pay all expenses.

A Sweeping Indictment.

We charge that there has been discrimination in the administration of the law by the council, although unconscious. They know that the C. T. Act has been violated and they did not move. The council some of the town of Sussex was without a liquor man, strong in their position, did their work, therefore we have been discriminated against.

The eye of the law there is no difference between a man who comes into our town and opens a saloon, and a woman who sets up a house of prostitution.

Fifth—The growing demand for temperance.

Sixth—On account of the moral influence.

In closing, Mr. Baird requested the council to appoint five new constables, which he named, and instruct the town marshal to use diligence in suppressing the run traffic.

Mayor's Reply.

The mayor in reply spoke first of the petition which had been circulated, and claimed that it should not have been presented to the members of the council to sign. His worship said that he was not in a position to meet all the legal points raised, but stated that if what Mr. Baird stated was true, that the council had authority to act and the council bear the expense, then every citizen, including the delegation, had been as negligent of its duties as the council in not having pointed it out as vividly as it had just been by Mr. Baird.

Rev. Dr. Rogers and Rev. Mr. Kennedy spoke of the large numbers who had signed the petition.

Goldfield, N. B., Dec. 22.—Governor Sparks, it was said today, is preparing a statement of present conditions in Goldfield to be telegraphed to President Roosevelt.

The governor is not satisfied that the president yet has the true light on the situation, notwithstanding the report of the commission and the order of the war department for the withdrawal of troops.

The communication to the president, it is said, contains a request for the retention of at least a portion of the troops now here, after the date set for their going, Dec. 30.

To supplement the request of the governor, a communication has gone to the president from Sheriff Ingham, Benjamin Rosenthal, chairman of the county commissioners, and Commissioner Spink.

This statement, the president asserts that the county officers will be unable to handle the situation after the departure of the troops, should trouble come. The sheriff is reorganizing his forces of deputies and adding thereto. The new deputies are in the pay of the Goldfield Mine Owners' Association, and have begun already to patrol the principal streets near the mine, armed with shotguns and automatic revolvers.

Acting-President Mahoney, of the Western Federation of Miners, after going over the situation with officers of the local miners' union, today said that the Western Federation of Miners would not stand squarely behind it in its future actions. He says there can be no compromise which discredits or eliminates the Western Federation, and he is not optimistic of any speedy settlement. He will remain here for some time.

Judge Champagne Dead.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Judge Champagne, of the supreme court, died here this afternoon after a lingering illness. He had been a member of the provincial legislature for several years since 1897, and was only appointed to the bench a few years ago.

DULL PROSPECT IN NEW ENGLAND

About 250,000 Employees to Go on Short Time After New Year

TO CURTAIL OUTPUT

Cotton Manufacturers to Produce 25 Per Cent. Less Till March 1, and Woolen Mills to Do Likewise—Expect No Boom Till After Presidential Election.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—The opening of the last full week of the year finds conservatism predominant in all New England industries, but there is no feeling of hopelessness apparent anywhere and the general sentiment appears to be that trade will partially recover during 1908, though a full revival is not looked for until after the presidential election.

As this city is the centre of the wool, leather, boot and shoe machinery trades of the United States and nearly 100 cotton and woolen mills have their head offices in Boston, the commercial situation in the country at large is usually accurately reflected here.

New England banks stood the financial straits better than institutions in other sections, only three banks being compelled to close. Of these one has resumed and a second is making arrangements to do so. It is generally admitted that the financial outlook is brightening.

As a natural outcome of the financial disturbances, New England industries are being curtailed cautiously, and a policy of curtailment and reduction of expenses has been adopted in practically all branches of trade.

Many manufacturers regard it advisable to restrict the output in order to prevent a slump in prices and a great surplus of goods in the spring. Curtailment is general in all New England woolen mills, many of which are running but four days a week and will continue to do so for some time.

It is estimated that 50,000 hands are affected in the woolen trade by New England. A number of mills which have closed entirely will resume about Jan. 1, some of them on short time.

The machine shops, chair factories and shoe factories have also been restricting the output, but the shoe factories are gradually going back to full time. The industry shows more improvement than most of the others.

Hundreds of establishments will take advantage of the holiday week and close in part or entirely. Nearly all will resume work next week.

While a gradual improvement is looked for in 1908, it is estimated that from 200,000 to 250,000 employees in New England industries will be on a short time basis during the first part of the year. This number will be an increase of about 125,000 over the number of employees last year.

The cotton manufacturers to curtail the output 25 per cent. until March 1, and the American Woolen Company, which employs 30,000 operatives in its 30 mills, will continue its four days a week policy into the new year. The cotton mills in New England usually employ about 185,000 persons, but of these less than 25,000 have as yet been affected by the curtailment.

The general movement, however, will probably swell the number to at least 150,000 during the months of January and February.

While Providence (R. I.), Keene and Claremont (N. H.), Worcester, Webster, Gardner, Waltham, Uxbridge and other places have been noticeably affected by the industrial conditions, Manchester (N. H.), Laconia (N. B.), Portland (Maine), Lewiston and Bangor (Maine) and Pittsfield (Mass.) have been less so.

In many other points conditions are regarded as "fair."

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Three persons were drowned by breaking through the ice while skating on Onota Lake today. The victims were:

Henry Norris, 16 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris.

Miss Alice Mozier, aged 16, employed in a silk mill.

The recent cold weather has frozen the surface of the lake and today two hundred persons skated there. Although the ice was less than two inches thick, young Norris was skating with a boy companion, William Sattle, and the two boys went out on the ice when the ice gave way and both went into the water. Sattle clung to the edge of the ice and was pulled out, but Norris went under before help arrived. In this part of the lake the water is between forty and sixty feet deep.

While police officers were grappling for the body of the Norris boy, a boy informed them that he had just seen a man and woman break through the ice at the other end of the lake. Investigation showed a large hole in the ice at the spot indicated by the boy, and a cap which was identified as belonging to Anso was found on the surface of the water. A short time before Anso and Miss Mozier had been seen skating together, but the boy said he had been the only witness of their fate, as on account of the other accident that end of the pond was almost deserted, most of the skaters having gathered near the spot where young Norris went down.

Late tonight none of the bodies had been recovered.

SHAH YIELDS TO
PERSIAN PARLIAMENT

Tehran, Dec. 22.—The Shah has yielded in the struggle between him and the parliament. Today he signed and sealed a declaration on the Koran, accepting the demands of the Constitutionalists, which includes the punishment of the ringleaders in the riots and the dissolution of the court clique. This declaration he sent to the assembly as a mark of his determination to adhere to the constitution.

HON. J. BARNES GOING TO QUIT?

Move to Have W. D. Carter Replace the Famous Japanese Expert

TO CURTAIL OUTPUT

May Make Mr. Barnes an Immigration Missionary Overseas—Mr. Carter a Federal Office-holder—Urban Johnson's Successor Not in Evidence—Opposition Look for Complete Success.

Moncton, Dec. 22.—There is news of a local government trouble. Hon. James Barnes, the principal feature of which is likely to be the somewhat spectacular exit of Hon. James Barnes from the cabinet, from the government ticket, and from the legislature. Popular wonder as to how Mr. Barnes got into the cabinet position has not yet subsided, but however he got in it seems settled that his days of political life are numbered.

The scheme about now is to have W. D. Carter, of Richibucto, succeed Mr. Barnes on the ticket, but Mr. Carter, of course, would not aspire to cabinet honors, and the humble cabinet position may be offered to D. J. Purdy, of St. John, who is said to be reluctant to run unless he can be named as an "honorable."

There are, of course, many difficulties. They begin with Mr. Carter. He does not want to run unless he can hold his present federal job as Indian commissioner. The law is clear on this point. He could not hold it. But in case of defeat, which would be reasonable certain, he might be reappointed, or better, a more lucrative office might be provided for him. Failing some arrangement along these lines the so far Mr. Carter goes, is not likely to go through. Promises are not regarded with favor in these matters by people concerned in Kent. They "want it in writing."

There is no doubt in government circles that the party is in a bad way in Kent, and that Mr. Barnes must make way, but few believe the exit of Mr. Carter would better the business much if at all. Besides, the news of such a shuffle on the part of the cabinet would be an open confession of weakness too significant to be lost on the electors.

Mr. Barnes it is thought will be appointed commissioner of immigration. Then a life job at \$2,000, as one of his acquaintances puts it. Presumably this would mean that he would become a "farmer" in the eyes of the English, but it is humorously suggested in some quarters that he may be sent to Japan, both on account of his plan for Japanese labor for New Brunswick, and also because Japan is afar off.

A Candidate Hunt.

The government's search for candidates in Kent is becoming feverish. They approached A. T. LeBlanc, of Richibucto, but he said he would not run because he keeps a hotel. Mr. Carter, of course, is one of the government's preferred commissioners whose report recently caused the whole province to quake with indignation.

Mr. Goggin will probably run again, but Urban Johnson is going out because of his great age, and efforts to secure a man in his place do not prosper. Basil Johnson is talked of, and it is said the government is offering him a life job, but he is opposed to the administration and at the recent opposition convention in Kenton made an eloquent and fiery speech declaring that all the gold mines of the world would not cause him to support the government. He is a Conservative.

The opposition is strong and united in Kent, and the divisions and weaknesses in the government ranks will be fatal to the government's prospects. Mr. Barnes might be safe in England or Japan, but it is not thought he will be safe anywhere in Kent county if he remains in politics, and serious efforts will be necessary to persuade Mr. Carter to take the burden off Mr. Barnes' shoulders. It is a very troublesome situation from Premier Robinson's standpoint.

NEW YORK SUNDAY
SHOWS IN FULL
BLAST AGAIN

New York, Dec. 22.—With policemen as nervous, prepared to stop any performance of the kind, the Sunday matinee of the "sacred or educational," the Sunday amusement promoters generally resumed.

With few exceptions, the entertainments were such as had been given before. Justice O'Grady's strict interpretation of the Sunday closing law interfered and after two "blue" Sundays, resulted in the adoption by the aldermen of a more liberal ordinance. The exceptions were the moving picture shows of the east side, which were not allowed to open, though the proprietors of some promised to picture only the Biblical scenes. The peep shows of the penny arcades, however, were held permissible, a line of easy distinction being drawn between views that moved and those that stood still.

The theatre, opera houses and high class music halls continued as before. The vaudeville houses confined their programs to the application of monologues, and to the departure of consequence from the week-day presentations was that "stage business" was eliminated. Costumes, scene shifting and "make-up" were barred, and if the acts lacked a sacred element, they were educational in the sense that they gave the audience a chance to see how the performer looked in real life and his own clothes.

HARTLAND DEALERS
SWAMPED WITH TURKEYS

Hartland, Dec. 21.—Turkeys are flooding the market and the dealers are on the point of refusing any more. To warn the farmers one merchant has posted in his window a telegram from St. John instructing him to ship no more turkeys.

TOOK HORSMAN CHILDREN AWAY

Crown Orders Elder Ones' Removal from Homes of Father's Relatives

FEARED COACHING

Chief Rideout of Moncton Now Has Them in His Keeping Till After the Trial—Opposition Convention in Westmorland to Be Held at Sackville Jan. 4.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Chief Rideout visited Steeves and Lutz Mountains today for the purpose of looking after the children of Christopher Horsman, awaiting trial at Dorchester on a charge of killing his wife. Complaint was made that the elder children, who gave evidence at the preliminary examination, were living with relatives and might be coached in reference to testimony to be given at the trial. Acting under instructions from Solicitor General Jones Chief Rideout inquired into the complaint and brought the children to Moncton and will keep them at his home until after the trial. A few days ago the Horsman children were taken from the homes of neighbors near the Horsman home and taken to relatives of their father.

Moncton curiers had the first game Saturday, a good sheet of ice being formed. Although not officially announced, it is understood that the local opposition will meet in Sackville Jan. 4th to select candidates.

The P. E. Island steamer, Empress, continues to make trips between St. John's, Moncton and the river steamer Wilfrid C. is still on the route, making one of the latest seasons for years. There is practically no ice in the Petitediac.

THIRTEEN CHRISTMAS
TREES FOR MEMBERS
OF KAISER'S FAMILY

One for Each, Big and Little, Including Married Children and Their's.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Thirteen Christmas trees stand in the new palace at Potsdam for the members of the imperial family. There are two large trees in the centre with five smaller ones on either side. Six on the other, diminishing in size, according to the age of those for whom they are intended. The two large ones are for the Emperor and Empress and the others for their six sons and daughters, the wives of Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince Albert, and the two children of the Crown Prince.

The emperor's Christmas programme begins after lunch on Tuesday when he will walk through the grand palace and select for each of his children a gift. The gifts will be presented in a room where the emperor's family is seated. The gifts will be presented in a room where the emperor's family is seated.

Every Christmas tree has its own Christmas tree for which gifts are sent from the men's homes.

The imperial family gathers to 8 o'clock to give each other their presents. The officials of the imperial household come into the Shell Room where the trees stand, to receive the gifts. The members of the imperial family do not accept gifts from members of the household. The emperor has been summoning dealers to deliver gifts and other presents to the return from England and has been selecting for Christmas gifts, sporting guns, saddlery outfits, gold-mounted or jewelled riding crops and other expensive articles for the twenty or thirty ladies and gentlemen attached to his household. He also gives portraits with his autograph richly framed, and a number of small boxes of which he is exceedingly fond.

The Crown Prince and Prince Elsie have established a school for the poor, to which they repair after the family gatherings, to have similar distributions of presents to members of their official households.

THOUSANDS OF
BERLIN SCHOOL
CHILDREN STARVING

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The municipality is faced with a very serious problem in connection with the supply of food to thousands of virtually starving children attending the primary schools in Berlin, whose numbers have been greatly augmented this year as a consequence of the industrial inactivity.

Hitherto the children's canteen society has been able to cope with the task in a fairly satisfactory way, by means of subscriptions from private sources, but the calls on its funds are this year so great that it will be unable to supply many of the children. In the first week in December, according to official statistics, no fewer than 11,947 children attended school in most cases without breakfast, and in all cases without the prospect of obtaining a midday meal at home. Of these 4,498 received a simple daily meal from the fourteen canteens belonging to the above mentioned society; the other 7,449 were totally unprovided for.

The question of the city's responsibility for the children has now been raised by the socialists in the municipal council, who propose that the council should in future undertake the task.

The society will be able, this winter, to dispense of the sum of \$8,420.

TORONTO YOUNG MAN A FORGER

Reckless Speculation Made Harry Maughan a Fugitive from Justice

FATHER HARD HIT

Must Pay \$9,000 His Son Collected and Used—Banks Threaten to Sue to Recover Amount of Spurious Notes—Atlas Loan Co. Paid 46 3-4 Cents on the Dollar.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The disappearance of Harry Maughan, a well known man about town, and son of John Maughan, of John Maughan & Co., one of the leading insurance firms of the city, is the result of reckless speculation.

Although his forgeries were said to be crude, it is understood some of the banks intend to issue writs against John Maughan, on the strength of forged pay to their possession, bearing his signature.

Harry Maughan left behind him a total shortage of about \$25,000, of which John Maughan, his father, is liable for about \$9,000, as being general agent of various fire insurance companies, from the policyholders of which the young man collected payments and had them entered on the books as unpaid.

A final settlement has been made in the affairs of the Atlas Loan Company of St. Thomas. The company went into liquidation in June, 1903. The assets distributed amounted to about \$480,000. The original claims totalled \$1,100,000, and the final distribution brought the dividend up to forty-six and three-quarters cents on the dollar. The final dividend was forty-three and three-quarters cents. The legal expenses totalled \$32,000, and the liquidators' fees were \$16,000.

"That's a frightful amount out of the shareholders and creditors," remarked Master in Ordinary Hodgins.

Mrs. McClelland, wife of Councillor James McClelland, of Grand Valley, died this morning from bruises received by falling down the cellar stairs with a lighted lamp in her hand.

Walter Lowry, of North Hastings, is suing Magistrate Wood for \$10,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment.

LONG-DRAWN OUT
SUIT FOR \$750

Kierstead vs. Humphrey, Which Has Stirred McDonald's Corner, Proving a Cause Celebre.

Another hearing in the famous Kierstead and Humphrey case was held Friday before Judge Ritchie. This case was begun in the city court last July. George G. Kierstead is the plaintiff and Hiram Humphrey, of McDonald's Corner, Queens county, is the defendant. The plaintiff's claim is for the value of 600 weight of feed, \$750.

It is stated on the part of the plaintiff that he refused to give the defendant credit as from previous experience he was too slow in paying, that the defendant said that James Flowers wanted him to get 600 weight of feed for him (Flowers) and asked for 400 additional for himself to be paid for in the spring, which was supplied. The 400 was paid for but when the bill for the 600 was sent to Flowers he repudiated it, saying he had neither ordered nor received it.

The plaintiff says he then asked Humphrey for the amount and that he twice promised to pay but later on said he would not as the people of the country would say he got it in Flowers' name and would not pay.

At the main trial in August last eight witnesses were sworn and from time to time since others have been called. The suit itself has been the talk of the countryside for some time.

The defendant swears that he delivered the feed to Flowers and in that is flatly contradicted by Mr. Flowers. The latter is supported by his wife, his son, Inglewood, and daughter, Mary. The defendant is supported by his son and two McDonald girls, the girls swearing that they were not going to school at the time of the alleged delivery and in fact that there was no school.

Ernest Straight was called Friday and swore that there was a school at McDonald's Corner at the time that he was the teacher of it and that the two McDonald girls were scholars and he produced a register which showed that the girls were at school all day upon the day when, according to them, the meal was delivered to Flowers.

The trouble about the whole thing is thought to be that in the previous year a similar transaction actually did take place and that there is a confusion of ideas. It will be for the police magistrate to determine who is in error. In the meantime the social and religious and educational features of the place are being stirred in order that light may be thrown on the vexed question. The claim is for \$750.

Mr. Kelley is for the plaintiff, Mr. Wilson for the defendant. There have been eight hearings and more will be had before the case closes.

MAN KILLED AND
TWO INJURED AT
RAILWAY CROSSING

Boston, Dec. 21.—In a grade crossing accident on the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine railroad at Somerville, in Somerville, tonight, John T. Timmons, of Somerville, team driver, was fatally injured, and two young men on another team were badly shaken up. The two teams, one belonging to Houghton & Dutton, of Boston, and the other to Thos. F. Reardon, of Somerville, were crossing the track when they were struck by an outward bound express train. Timmons received injuries from which he died on the way to the Massachusetts General Hospital. He was fifty-one years old and married, living at 109 Cross street, Somerville.

John Mitchell on the Mend.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, who has been critically ill, will return to his home in Spring Valley, Illinois, next Tuesday, according to an announcement made tonight by his physician.

FATAL EXPLOSION AT GLACE BAY

One Man Dead, Another Dying and Three More Are Badly Scalded

BOILER BURST

One Hundred Men Imprisoned in Collieries for Hours Because There Was No Steam to Hoist Them Out—Investigation to Be Held.

Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 22.—A terrific boiler explosion occurred at No. 2 colliery of the Dominion Coal Company yesterday, from which one man is dead, another is dying, three more are badly scalded and more than 100 miners were kept prisoners in the mine for several hours.

What caused the boiler to blow up no one knows, pending an investigation that will take place. Besides the ruin of the boiler, No. 4, two others are out of commission and there is a great hole in the roof of the boiler room.

By the breaking of a steam pipe, the fan which supplies air to the harbor and the Phalen seam was stopped. There were about eighty men working in Phalen seam and about twenty-five in the harbor. There was no steam to run the hoisting cages and these men had to remain in the mine until steam was procured before they could be taken out. The men felt no ill effects from stopping of the air. When they found what the trouble was they clustered around the shaft bottom and stable, where the air is good.

There were about twelve men on duty in the fire-room. Of this number one is dead and four are now in the hospital. Two men were out getting a drink of water at the time and thus escaped.

The mechanical staff were called out after the explosion to get the boiler and pipe repaired. All the fires were drawn, the damaged pipe was cut and blanked, then the boilers were again started and sufficient steam procured to enable the hoisting cages to be run and all the men were taken out from the mine.

The ground managers went down in the mine and made a thorough examination of both seams. They found everything in good shape.

On account of no steam the power plant had to be closed down, and in consequence two collieries were idle yesterday. As soon as repairs to the plant are effected an investigation into the cause of the disaster will take place.

Ben. Eddy was the name of the dead man and Angus McNell is dying.

McKEOWN HUNTING
FOR CANDIDATES IN
CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Attorney General Interviewed Several St. Stephen Men Saturday About Running at Next Election.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 22.—Attorney General H. A. McKeown, of St. John, was in town yesterday calling on government friends, with the result that several gentlemen of this town are prominently mentioned as probable government candidates at the next election.

FELL FROM WHARF
TO STEAMER'S DECK

St. Martins Man, Seriously Injured Here Saturday Evening.

John Hennessey, a young man from St. Martins, was seriously injured on Saturday evening by falling from the wharf to the deck of the schooner Albama, thirty feet below. Hennessey, who is said to have been drinking, wandered close to the edge of the wharf and, while waiting darkness fell over. Just as he felt himself going he caught sight of the outlines of the schooner far below and some distance out from the wharf, making a desperate effort, being too late to regain his balance, leaped outward and fell face downward on the deck of the schooner.

He was found insensible by the captain, George Gillespie, and Sergt. Baxter was notified. He summoned Dr. D. E. Berry, who examined Hennessey and found that he had broken one arm besides meeting other injuries. Still unconscious, the man was taken to the hospital, where he regained consciousness Sunday morning. Hennessey is a seafaring man but has been engaged as a coal shoveller here for a few days. His home is in St. Martins.

The Quinton-Clark Case.

When asked yesterday as to action to be taken by Wm. A. Quinton, steward of the provincial hospital, against Alfred H. Clark, opposition candidate in the county, in view of Mr. Clark refusing to retract the statements he made on Wednesday night last, John Kerr, counsel for Mr. Quinton said Friday that his client had instructed him to take legal action, and he was looking into the matter to decide what course to adopt. Mr. Kerr added that Mr. Quinton denied absolutely the charges and insinuations and would take the necessary steps to compel Mr. Clark to retract.

Hanington & Hanington who represent Mr. Clark, said yesterday there was nothing new from their side.

Miltie Changes.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—(Special)—A miltie pette just issued places Lt. Col. R. Carr on the retired list on account of ill health. He retains the rank of Lt. Col. Capt. A. W. Smith, of Halifax, has been appointed major, vice H. F. Mott.

Captain W. H. Weatherly, Louise Fulliers, is transferred.